

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 6-12, 64-76 and 78-105 were initially pending. Claims 2, 4-5, 13-63, 70-72 and 76 are canceled. Claims 1, 69, 73-74 and 103 have now been amended. Claims 1, 3, 6-12, 64-69, 73-76 and 78-105 remain pending in the application

Allowable Matter

Applicants note with appreciation that claims 12, 64-68 and 78-102 are allowed.

Applicants also note with appreciation that claims 2, 3, 72-74 and 103 -105 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Accordingly, the subject matter of dependent claim 2 has been incorporated into independent claim 1 and claim 2 has been canceled. Therefore, it is believed that independent claim 1 is now allowable and thus dependent claims 3 and 6-11 are also allowable.

The subject matter of dependent claim 72 has been incorporated into independent claim 69 and claim 72 has been canceled. Therefore, it is believed that independent claim 69 is now allowable and thus claims 73 and 74, which now depend from claim 69, are also allowable. Similarly, it is believed that dependent claims 103-105 are also allowable due to their dependency on allowable claim 69.

Should the Examiner be of the view that an interview would expedite consideration of this Amendment or of the application at large, request is made that the Examiner telephone the applicant's attorney at (732) 321-3193 in order that any outstanding issues be resolved. While it is believed that no additional fee is due, the undersigned authorizes the charging of any fee deficiency that is due to Deposit Account No. 19-2179.

Respectfully submitted,



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